

or the Engineer happened to see with his own eyes the miserable condition of this important road. The only period in which this road is used by the people is this period of six months.

President.—That answer is a general one applicable not only to the 4 months in question but also to the 8 months following.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With regard to the metalling of the road, the answer is that there is no necessity for metalling this road with granite. Will not a road metalled with granite be better than a road metalled with laterite?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Certainly.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was there at any time bus traffic along this road, say, in the last year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I am not aware. The Police Commissioner may know.

President.—Is there any bus traffic by the Velur road to Kunnamkulam and thence to Vadakkancheri?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—There was one started but it was subsequently given up as the road was extremely bad.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Not to my knowledge.

107. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state;—

(a) how long is it that the Velur road (road connecting Trichur—Kunnamkulam road with Trichur—Shoranur road) has been opened;

(b) what is the total amount spent on it since its opening for maintenance and repair;

(c) is the Government aware of the great cart traffic along this road in the arecanut season (months from Edavam to Thulam) for taking the large quantity of arecanut produced in that part of the Talappalli Taluk to the great arecanut mart at Vadakkancheri;

(d) has the question of metalling this road ever been considered by the Government;

(e) has any responsible officer of the Engineering Department actually witnessed the miserable condition of this important road in the months from Edavam to Thulam?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 106.

Vellore-trained Inspectors.

108. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(1) whether there is any rule or understanding that there should always be two Vellore-trained Inspectors in the Police Force in Cochin State;

(2) whether any Sub-Inspector was recommended by the late Police Commissioner to be sent to Vellore for training ; if so, who ;

(3) if the answer to question No. (2) is in the affirmative, why that recommendation was not given effect to ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) No.

(2) Yes. Mr. I. Papali.

(3) The Police Commissioner's nominee did not possess the requisite educational qualification which the Government had in view.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know what is the educational qualification that is required ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The nominee did not possess the requisite educational qualification. The least qualification is that he should be a full-blown graduate.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know how many persons were sent for Vellore training since this recommendation ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Altogether two gentlemen were deputed for training.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know their names ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—One Mr. Devassi and the other Mr. Mannadiar.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Anybody for Police Commissioner's training ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know what is his educational qualification ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is in *the Civil List*.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know his educational qualifications ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Whose, Commissioner's ?

President.—M. A. (Oxon), Bar-at-Law.

Vernacular Improvement Committee.

109. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state;—

(1) whether the Vernacular Improvement Committee is a Government concern or not ;

(2) whether the nomination of the members of the Committee is made with the sanction of His Highness the Maharaja ;

(3) whether the Government is bound to safeguard the interests of the Committee ;

(4) whether the Government receives copies of the Proceedings of the meetings of the Vernacular Improvement Committee ;